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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *02 January 2008*.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-3,5-7,9-11,13,14 and 16-19* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-3,5-7,9-11,13,14 and 16-19* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to amendment received Jan. 2, 2008. Claims 1, 5, 9, 13 and 16-19 were amended. Claims 4, 8, 12 and 15 were canceled. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-14 and 16-19 are pending examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-14 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Salesky et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,343,313 (referred to hereafter Salesky).

As to claim 1, Salesky teaches a content providing device (see col. 1 lines 64-67) comprising:

a providing unit that provides prescribed content to a client (see col. 2 lines 29-42, the server provides a webpage to the client);

a receiving unit that receives a message including position information which specifies a prescribed position on the content (see col. 2 lines 39-47, a captured region including the position of the pointer of the presenter's view using the software is sent to the other conferees);

an extracting unit that extracts the position information from the message (see col. 2 lines 39-53, the server sends the webpage, and extracts a captured region including the pointer icon of the other client); and

a transmitting unit that transmits a message including the extracted position information to another client that is browsing the content (see col. 2 lines 29-53 and col. 30 lines 15-25, the pointer icon and its position of each client is sent to other clients browsing the content);

wherein the message is an instant message (see col. 3 lines 13-49, the conference uses a real time conferencing and instant messaging software to instantly transmit messages that comprises changes in the pointers in the captured region to other participants which makes the messages instant messages).

As to claim 2, Salesky teaches the content providing device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a browsing condition database that holds content identification information which identifies the content and a login ID of a client (see col. 1 lines 65-col. 2 lines 14, a URL is stored with a password for each client that are used to login to the conference) webpage is stored including the ;

wherein in accordance with the message received by the receiving unit, content identification information of the content and a login ID of a client are registered in the browsing condition database (see col. 1 lines 65-col. 2 lines 14 and col. 30 lines 15-25,

the privileges, password, icons, view information and other information is stored for each client) .

As to claim 3, Salesky teaches the content providing device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a browsing condition database that holds content identification information which identifies the content and a login ID of a client (see col. 2 lines 1-25 and col. 30 lines 15-25;

wherein the transmitting unit sets a destination of the message in accordance with the browsing condition database (see col. 2 lines 1-25 and col. 30 lines 15-25, the server determines what data to be transmitted to each client based on the access privileges stored in the database).

As to claim 5, Salesky teaches a content browsing device comprising:

a content obtaining unit that obtains desired content from a providing device that provides content (see col. 2 lines 29-42, the server provides a webpage to the client);

a display unit that displays the obtained content and a cursor movable according to an instruction of a user; a position information obtaining unit that obtains position information of the cursor on the content (see col. 2 lines 39-47, a captured region including the position of the pointer of the presenter's view using the software is sent to the other conferees); and

a transmitting unit that adds the position information to a message and transmits the message to the providing device (see col. 2 lines 29-53 and col. 30 lines 15-25, the pointer icon and its position of each client is sent to other clients browsing the content).

wherein the message is an instant message (see col. 3 lines 13-49, the conference uses a real time conferencing and instant messaging software to instantly transmit messages that comprises changes in the pointers in the captured region to other participants which makes the messages instant messages)

As to claim 6, Salesky teaches the content browsing device according to claim 5, wherein when receiving a transmission instruction from a user, the position information obtaining unit obtains position information of the cursor on the content (see col. 2 lines 39-47).

As to claim 7, Salesky teaches the content browsing device according to claim 5, further comprising: a user information database that holds information indicating whether another user is under active status (see col. 2 lines 10-28 and col. 30 lines 15-40, the database holds information including showing identification information to other conferees when the client joins the conference).

As to claim 9, Salesky teaches a content browsing device comprising:

a content obtaining unit that obtains prescribed content from a providing device which provides content (see col. 2 lines 29-42, the server provides a webpage to the client);

a receiving unit that receives a message including position information from the providing device; and a display unit that displays a mark on the content in accordance with the position information (see col. 2 lines 39-47, a captured region including the position of the pointer of the presenter's view using the software is sent to the other conferees);

wherein the message is an instant message (see col. 3 lines 13-49, the conference uses a real time conferencing and instant messaging software to instantly transmit messages that comprises changes in the pointers in the captured region to other participants which makes the messages instant messages)

As to claim 10, Salesky teaches the content browsing device according to claim 9, further comprising:

a display position adjusting unit that adjusts a display position of the content with the mark (see col. 2 lines 39-47).

As to claim 11, Salesky teaches the content browsing device according to claim 9, further comprising: a mark shape setting unit that sets a shape of the mark according to a transmitter of the position information (see col. 2 lines 39-47, the position of the pointer icon is changed as the other client changes its position).

As to claim 13, Salesky teaches a content providing device comprising:

a providing unit that provides prescribed content to a client (see col. 2 lines 29-42, the server provides a webpage to the client);

a receiving unit that receives a message including position information which specifies a prescribed position on the content (see col. 2 lines 39-47, a captured region including the position of the pointer of the presenter's view using the software is sent to the other conferees);

an extracting unit that extracts the position information from the message (see col. 2 lines 39-53, the server sends the webpage, and extracts a captured region including the pointer icon of the other client);

a mark adding unit that adds a mark to a position on the content specified by the extracted position information (see col. 2 lines 29-53); and

a transmitting unit that transmits to another client, identification information of the content added with the mark (see col. 2 lines 29-53 and col. 30 lines 15-25, the pointer icon and its position of each client is sent to other clients browsing the content);

wherein the message is an instant message (see col. 3 lines 13-49, the conference uses a real time conferencing and instant messaging software to instantly transmit messages that comprises changes in the pointers in the captured region to other participants which makes the messages instant messages).

As to claim 14, Salesky teaches the content providing device according to claim 13, further comprising: a mark shape setting unit that sets a shape of the mark according to a transmitter of the position information.

As to claim 16, Salesky teaches a content providing device comprising:

means for providing prescribed content to a client; means for receiving a message including position information that specifies a prescribed position on the content (see col. 2 lines 29-42, the server provides a webpage to the client);

means for extracting the position information from the message (see col. 2 lines 39-53, the server sends the webpage, and extracts a captured region including the pointer icon of the other client); and

means for transmitting a message including the extracted position information to another client that is browsing the content (see col. 2 lines 29-53 and col. 30 lines 15-25, the pointer icon and its position of each client is sent to other clients browsing the content).

As to claim 17, Salesky teaches a content browsing device comprising:

means for obtaining desired content from a providing device that provides content (see col. 2 lines 29-42, the server provides a webpage to the client);

means for displaying the obtained content; means for displaying on the content, a cursor movable according to an instruction of a user (see col. 2 lines 39-47, a captured region including the position of the pointer of the presenter's view using the software is sent to the other conferees);

means for obtaining position information of the cursor on the content (see col. 2 lines 39-53, the server sends the webpage, and extracts a captured region including the pointer icon of the other client); and

means for adding the position information to a message and transmitting the message to the providing device (see col. 2 lines 29-53 and col. 30 lines 15-25, the pointer icon and its position of each client is sent to other clients browsing the content).

As to claim 18, Salesky teaches a content browsing device comprising:

means for obtaining prescribed content from a providing device that provides content (see col. 2 lines 29-42, the server provides a webpage to the client);

means for receiving a message including position information from the providing device; and means for displaying a cursor on the content in accordance with the position information (see col. 2 lines 39-47, a captured region including the position of the pointer of the presenter's view using the software is sent to the other conferees).

As to claim 19, Salesky teaches a content providing device comprising:

means for providing prescribed content to a client (see col. 2 lines 29-42, the server provides a webpage to the client);

means for receiving a message including position information that specifies a prescribed position on the content (see col. 2 lines 39-47, a captured region including the position of the pointer of the presenter's view using the software is sent to the other conferees);

means for extracting the position information from the message; means for adding a mark to a position on the content specified by the extracted position

information (see col. 2 lines 39-53, the server sends the webpage, and extracts a captured region including the pointer icon of the other client); and

means for transmitting to another client, identification information of the content added with the mark (see col. 2 lines 29-53 and col. 30 lines 15-25, the pointer icon and its position of each client is sent to other clients browsing the content).

3. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUSSEIN A. EL CHANTI whose telephone number is (571)272-3999. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571)272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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